

REMARKS

A Final Office Action was mailed March 11, 2004. A first Amendment After Final was submitted on April 28,, 2004. A first Advisory Action was mailed on May 12, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on September 13, 2004. A second Amendment After Final was submitted on September 28,, 2004. A second Advisory Action was mailed on November 10, 2004.

This Amendment After Final is being submitted within four months of the filing of the Notice of Appeal and is accompanied by a request for a two-month extension of time.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended and claims 6 and 20 have been canceled. Claims 1-5, 9-19 and 23-28 are pending in the application.

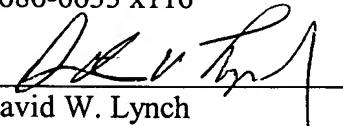
In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the claims would be in condition for allowance if claim 1 was combined with claim 4, 5 or 6 and claim 15 was combined with 18, 19 or 20.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims as suggest by the Examiner, wherein claim 1 was amended to include the claim language of claim 6 and claim 15 was amended to include the claim language of claim 20.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Attorney for Applicants, David W. Lynch, at 651-686-6633 Ext. 116.

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